



H.R. 150: Foxx – Gomez Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency (GREAT) Act

The GREAT Act will transform federal grant reporting from disconnected documents into open data by directing the executive branch to adopt a standardized data structure for the information grantees must report to agencies. By replacing outdated documents with open data, the GREAT Act will deliver transparency for grantmaking agencies and the public and allow grantees to automate their reporting processes, reducing compliance costs.

Benefits:

- Reduces recipient compliance costs by automating compilation and submission of reports to federal agencies.
- Creates a single consolidated data set of post-award grant reports, across all grantmaking agencies and programs.
- Improves federal and public oversight of the distribution of federal funds and the performance of federal grant programs.
- Facilitates the adoption of modern technologies, such as blockchain, for outdated reporting processes.

Summary:

- Requires creation of a comprehensive and standardized data structure, or “taxonomy”, covering all data elements reported by recipients of federal awards, including both grant and cooperative agreements.
- Tasks the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with implementation.
- Requires the adoption of unique and non-proprietary identifiers for federal awards and entities receiving federal awards.
- Amends the *Single Audit Act* to provide for grantee audits to be reported in an electronic format consistent with the data standards.
- Requires the data standards to be fully searchable, machine-readable, and non-proprietary.
- Directs OMB and HHS to publish grant reporting information, once transformed into open data, on a government-wide website, such as the existing *grants.gov* portal.
- Provides exceptions and restrictions for information not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and other sensitive data elements.
- Requires each grantmaking agency to begin collecting grant reports using the new data standards within three years.